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Case No. **P1682 US**  
(2650/191)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

JAMES W. NICHOLSON, ET AL.

Serial No.

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Group Art Unit:

Title: EMBOLIC CONTAINMENT SYSTEM WITH  
ASYMMETRIC FRICTIONAL CONTROL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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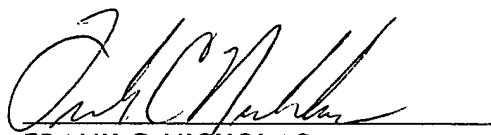
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449.

Applicants believe that none of the listed references, alone or in combination disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

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Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION		U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	6,544,276	04/08/2003	ZADNO-AZIZI ET AL.		
	A2	6,277,139	08/21/2001	LEVINSON ET AL.		
	A3	6,059,814	05/09/2000	LADD		
	A4	10/099,399	03/15/2002	DOUK ET AL.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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